

**Remarks**

Consideration on the merits of the above-referenced patent application is requested.

**Amendments to the Specification**

The specification has been amended by this Amendment A. The amended text is shown in the previous section, and the corresponding amendments are shown in Appendix A.

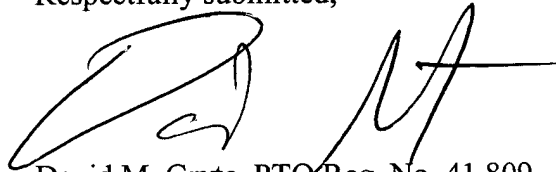
**I. Notice to File Corrected Application Papers Due to Failure to Include an Abstract as Required under 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b)**

Applicants received a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers for failure to submit an abstract. Applicants have amended the specification to include an abstract. This is the same language as in the abstract on the cover sheet of the published grandparent PCT. Thus, this amendment is not new matter.

**II. Amendment to Properly Claim Priority to Earlier Filed Applications.**

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 and MPEP §202.01, the beginning of the specification has been amended to identify the patent application to which this patent application is claiming priority.

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**Appendix A**  
**Amendments to Specification**

The following amendments were made to the specification by Amendment A:

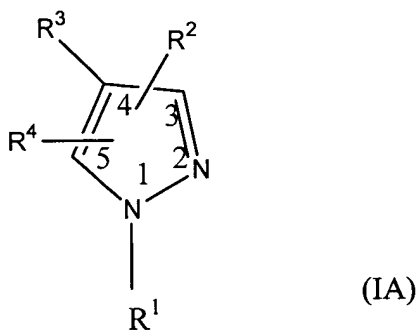
The following changes were made on lines 5 through 8 on page 1:

[This application is related to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/047,570 filed May 22, 1997 and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/083,670 filed May 22, 1998.]

This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/513,351 (filed February 24, 2000), which, in turn, claims priority to both International Patent Application PCT/US99/26007 (filed on November 17, 1999, and published as International Publication No. WO 00/31063) and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/196,623 (filed November 20, 1998). International Patent Application PCT/US99/26007 claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/196,623. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/196,623 claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/083,670 (filed May 22, 1998), which, in turn, claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/047,570 (filed May 22, 1997). The text of each of the above-referenced applications is incorporated by reference.

The following new text was inserted on new page 1217 (*i.e.*, at the end of the application):

**ABSTRACT**



A class of pyrazole derivatives is described for use in treating p38 kinase mediated disorders. Compounds of particular interest are defined by Formula (IA), wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as described in the specification.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that this **Amendment A** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: **Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231** on **February 13, 2002**.

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